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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

SUBJECT: Conversations on 7 May 1952 with [redacted]

1. We chatted informally about [redacted] appraisal of the techniques in the field of Artichoke that he considered ready for field experimental trial and use on subjects who may be available in the near future, pressing cases to [redacted]

a. [redacted] recommended the use of fatigue for all it was worth, particularly the combination of fatigue and stimulants, including coffee. Alternate periods of fatigue with comfort.

b. Complete amnesia cannot be guaranteed with any known technique.

c. Hypnotism with drugs, particularly barbiturates. [redacted] recommended strongly a trial of this method on a candidate known to [redacted] at this time.

d. [redacted] would not recommend including in the program at the present time shock treatment.

e. In the case of [redacted] candidate, [redacted] recommended using most experienced interrogators available.

He would try to train medical men as interrogators, since their experience as practicing doctors as well as their training in medical schools cover methods of interrogation in their normal professional activities. He feels such a program would be more effective than to go to "psychological methods."

f. [redacted] would not use the polygraph very much, since he recognized that if the subject was resistant the method would not work. He also recognized that it would be necessary to have concrete evidence which could be used to check the findings of the polygraph. He feels strongly that the polygraph is not the answer to all of our problems and recognized the possibility that the use of the machine would doubtless be reported to Soviet officialdom.

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g. As to program in our own Medical Division, [redacted] believed that interesting information could be obtained by the use of overlays on a fundamental map: C

(1) One such overlay that he suggested was to record assembly of medical personnel.

(2) Medical personnel known to be expert in arctic medicine.

(3) Similarly in biological warfare, etc.

He would also cover the [redacted] research program to recognize: F

(1) Application of supersonics to medicine.

(2) Experimentation on chimpanzees with magnetic fields.

He pointed out that both of these subjects might have a connection to new interrogation methods.

2. [redacted] recognized the importance to the US Government for such a program as was originally contemplated in Artichoke and expressed a willingness to continue to serve [redacted] as a consultant in this field. C

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